Proceedings of the Committee

Thursday 9 May 2013

Members present:

Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Paul Flynn
Sheila Gilmore
Mrs Eleanor Laing
Mr Andrew Turner

1. Ensuring standards in the quality of legislation

Draft Report (Ensuring standards in the quality of legislation) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the First Report from the Committee, HC 85.

2. Mapping the part to codifying – or not codifying – the UK’s constitution

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee accepts the offer of further research from King’s College London, to last until the end of the Parliament.

3. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Revisiting Rebuilding the House: the impact of the Wright reforms

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Revisiting Rebuilding the House: the impact of the Wright reforms be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Rt Hon Keith Vaz MP, Chair of the Home Affairs Committee
Rt Hon Elfyn Llwyd MP

Clive Betts MP, Pete Wishart MP, Rt Hon Sir Alan Beith MP, Natascha Engel MP, Graham Brady MP and David Howarth, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 16 May at 12.15 p.m.]
Thursday 16 May 2013

Members present:

Mr Christopher Chope  Fabian Hamilton
Paul Flynn  Mrs Eleanor Laing
Andrew Griffiths  Mr Andrew Turner

In the absence of the Chair, Mrs Eleanor Laing was called to the chair.

1. **Future Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **House of Lords reform: what next?**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Revisiting *Rebuilding the House*: the impact of the Wright reforms**

The Committee considered this matter.

Angela Eagle MP, Shadow Leader of the House, and Rt Hon Andrew Lansley CBE MP, Leader of the House, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 6 June at 9.45 a.m.

Thursday 6 June 2013

Members present:

Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Mr Christopher Chope  Mrs Eleanor Laing
Paul Flynn  Mr Andrew Turner
Sheila Gilmore  Stephen Williams
Andrew Griffiths

1. **The impact and effectiveness of ministerial reshuffles**

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *The impact and effectiveness of ministerial reshuffles* submitted by Rt Hon Sir John Major be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. **Future Programme**
The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Revisiting Rebuilding the House: the impact of the Wright reforms**

*Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Revisiting Rebuilding the House: the impact of the Wright reforms submitted by Miss Anne McIntosh MP, Chair of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.*

4. **House of Lords reform: what next?**

The Committee considered this matter.

Rt Hon Lord Steel of Aikwood KT KBE DL, a Member of the House of Lords, and Rt Hon Baroness Hayman GBE, a Member of the House of Lords, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 13 June at 9.45 a.m.]

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**Thursday 13 June 2013**

Members present:

Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Mr Christopher Chope          Mrs Eleanor Laing
Paul Flynn                    Mr Andrew Turner
Sheila Gilmore                Stephen Williams
Fabian Hamilton

1. **The impact and effectiveness of ministerial reshuffles**

Draft Report (*The impact and effectiveness of ministerial reshuffles*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Second Report from the Committee, HC 255.

2. **Future Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **House of Lords reform: what next?**

The Committee considered this matter.
Rt Hon Lord Goodlad KCMG PC, a Member of the House of Lords, Lord Norton of Louth, a Member of the House of Lords, Lord Henessy of Nympsfield FBA, a Member of the House of Lords, and Lord Tyler, a Member of the House of Lords, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 20 June at 9.45 a.m.

Thursday 20 June 2013

Members present:
Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair
Mr Christopher Chope  Mrs Eleanor Laing
Sheila Gilmore Stephen Williams
Fabian Hamilton

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the impact of Queen’s and Prince’s Consent on the legislative process.

2. House of Lords reform: what next?


3. Role and powers of the Prime Minister

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Role and powers of the Prime Minister be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Philip Rutman, Permanent Secretary, Department for Transport
Jon Thompson, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence
Una O’Brien, Permanent Secretary, Department of Health
Simon Fraser, Permanent Under-Secretary, Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Bronwyn Hill, Permanent Secretary, DEFRA
Sir Nicholas Macpherson, Permanent Secretary, HM Treasury
Martin Donnelly, Permanent Secretary, BIS
Dame Ursula Brennan, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Justice
Richard Heaton, Permanent Secretary, Cabinet Office
1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. House of Lords reform: what next?

Ordered, That written evidence relating to House of Lords reform: what next? submitted by Dr Chris Ballinger, Oxford University, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Dr Stephen Barber, London South Bank University, Dr Meg Russell, University College, London, and Dr Chris Ballinger, Oxford University; and Lord Jay of Ewelme, GCMG, a Member of the House of Lords, Chairman, House of Lords Appointments Commission, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 4 July at 9.45 a.m.]
Thursday 4 July 2013

Members present:

Mr Christopher Chope  Fabian Hamilton
Paul Flynn  Mrs Eleanor Laing
Sheila Gilmore  Mr Andrew Turner

In the absence of the Chair, Mrs Eleanor Laing was called to the chair.

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. House of Lords reform: what next?

The Committee considered this matter.

David Beamish, Clerk of the Parliaments; Rt Hon Lord Hunt of Wirral MBE, a Member of the House of Lords, Rt Hon Lord Richard QC, a Member of the House of Lords, and Lord Cormack, a Member of the House of Lords, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 9 July at 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday 9 July 2013

Members present:

Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Mr Christopher Chope  Stephen Williams
Mr Andrew Turner

1. Revisiting Rebuilding the House: the impact of the Wright Reforms

Draft Report (Revisiting Rebuilding the House: the impact of the Wright Reforms) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Third Report from the Committee, HC 82.

Ordered, That written evidence relating to Revisiting Rebuilding the House: the impact of the Wright Reforms submitted by Rt Hon Mr Andrew Lansley MP, Leader of the House, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Future Programme
The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into The Government’s lobbying Bill.

[Adjourned till Thursday 18 July at 9.45 a.m.

Thursday 18 July 2013

MORNING SITTING

Members present:
Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair
Mr Christopher Chope
Paul Flynn
Sheila Gilmore
Mr Andrew Turner

1. The role and powers of the Prime Minister

Draft Report (The role and powers of the Prime Minister: The impact of the Fixed-term Parliaments Act 2011 on Government) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fourth Report from the Committee, HC 440.

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into The constitutional role of the judiciary if there were a codified constitution.

3. Pre-appointment hearing: The Chair of the House of Lords Appointments Commission

The Committee considered this matter.

Lord Kakkar, a Member of the House of Lords, gave oral evidence.

Draft Report (Pre-appointment hearing: The Chair of the House of Lords Appointments Commission) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fifth Report from the Committee, HC 600.

[Adjourned till 18 July at 1.45 p.m.]
Thursday 18 July 2013

AFTERNOON SITTING

Members present:

Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Mr Christopher Chope
Paul Flynn
Mr Andrew Turner

1. **Introducing a statutory register of lobbyists: Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report of Session 2012-13**

Draft Report *(Introducing a statutory register of lobbyists: Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report of Session 2012-13)* proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Sixth Report from the Committee, HC 593.

2. **Ensuring standards in the quality of legislation: Government Response to the Committee’s First Report**

Draft Special Report *(Ensuring standards in the quality of legislation: Government Response to the First Report of Session 2013-14)*, proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the First Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

*Resolved*, That the Report be the First Special Report of the Committee to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

3. **The Government’s lobbying Bill**

The Committee considered this matter.

Chloe Smith MP, Minister for Political and Constitutional Reform, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 29 August at 9.45 a.m.]
Thursday 29 August 2013

MORNING SITTING

Members present:

Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Mr Christopher Chope  Mrs Eleanor Laing
Paul Flynn  Mr Andrew Turner

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Government’s lobbying Bill

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Government’s lobbying Bill
be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Mark Boleat
UK Public Affairs Council
Whitehouse Consultancy
The Electoral Commission
The information Commissioner
MHP Communications
Royal College of Midwives
Spinwatch
Transparency International UK
The Association of Professional Political Consultants (APPC)
TUC
Unlock Democracy
Political Lobbying and Media Relations(PLMR)
Public Relations Consultants Association (PRCA)
Charted Institute of Public Relations (CIPR)
The British Dental Association
Dr J Hogan and Colleagues
National Union of Journalists
Whoslobbying
Mirko Draca
The Committee on Standards in Public Life
National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO)
John Hemming MP
Action for Children
Richard Heller
Iain Anderson, Deputy Chair of the Association of Professional Political Consultants, Jane Wilson, Chief Executive of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations, Francis Ingham, Chief Executive of the Public Relations Consultants Association, George Kidd, Acting Chair of the UK Public Affairs Council; Tamasin Cave, of SpinWatch/Alliance for Lobbying Transparency, and Alexandra Runswick, Director of Unlock Democracy, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 29 August at 1.15 p.m.

Thursday 29 August 2013

AFTERNOON SITTING

Members present:

Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Mr Christopher Chope  Mrs Eleanor Laing
Paul Flynn  Mr Andrew Turner

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Government’s lobbying Bill

Nigel Stanley, Head of Campaigns and Communications, Trades Union Congress; Karl Wilding, Director of Public Policy, National Council for Voluntary Organisations; and Rt Hon Mr Kevin Barron MP, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 3 September at 9.15 a.m.]
Tuesday 3 September 2013

Members present:

Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

- Paul Flynn
- Sheila Gilmore
- Mr Andrew Turner
- Stephen Williams

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Parliament’s role in conflict decisions.

2. The Government’s lobbying Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to The Government’s lobbying Bill be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Citizens Advice Bureau
- The Association of Charitable Foundations
- The Howard League for Penal Reform
- CRISIS
- Royal British Legion
- Oxfam
- Institute of Fundraising
- Gavin Talbot
- Open Rights Group
- The National Housing Federation
- Mike Wild, MACC
- Law Society of Scotland
- Cambridge Council VS
- Voluntary Sector NW
- Joseph Rowntree Foundation
- Roald Dahl’s Marvellous Children’s Charity
- British Youth Council
- NI Council for Voluntary Action
- The Children’s Media Foundation
- The National Trust
- The Women’s Support Network
- Wales Council for Voluntary Action
- Foyle Women’s Information Network
- Newcastle Council for Voluntary Service
New Economics Foundation
Christian Aid
Stroke Association
Girlguiding
Dr Andy Williamson and Colleagues
Woodland Trust
Mencap
RSPB
Julie Park
The Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH)

Gavin Devine, Chief Executive, MHP Communications; Jenny Watson, Chair, Peter Horne, Director of Party and Election Finance and Tony Stafford, Head of Policy (Party and Election Finance), Electoral Commission; and Rt Hon Andrew Lansley MP, Leader of the House of Commons, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 4 September at 3.30 p.m.

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**Wednesday 4 September 2013**

Members present:

Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Paul Flynn
Sheila Gilmore
Mrs Eleanor Laing

Mr Andrew Turner
Stephen Williams

1. **Future Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **The Government’s lobbying Bill**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to *The Government’s lobbying Bill* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

The British Medical Association
WOMEN'STEC
Northern Visions
Local Works Coalition
North West Community Network
Playboard NI
Royal College of Nursing and Chartered Society of Physiotherapy
Greenpeace UK
SCOPE
Women’s Aid Federation Northern Ireland
Friends of the Earth
The National Union of Students
Sami Wannell
Compact Voice
Joe Egerton
The National Association for Voluntary and Community Action
Sheila McKechnie Foundation
National Federation of Women’s Institutes (NFWI)
The Salvation Army
The Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Jewish Leadership Council

Draft Report (The Government’s lobbying Bill) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Seventh Report from the Committee, HC 601.

[Adjourned till 5 September at 9.45 a.m.

Thursday 5 September 2013

Members present:

Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Mr Andrew Turner Stephen Williams

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Parliament’s role in conflict decisions

Draft Report (Parliament’s role in conflict decisions: an update) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Eighth Report from the Committee, HC 649.

[Adjourned till 12 September at 9.45 a.m.

Thursday 12 September 2013

Members present:
1. **Future Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **The impact of Queen’s and Prince’s consent on the legislative process**

   Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *The impact of Queen’s and Prince’s consent on the legislative process* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

   Lord Berkeley
   Dr Adam Tucker
   Republic
   Dr John Kirkhope
   Rodney Brazier
   Rt Hon Andrew Lansley CBE MP, Leader of the House

3. **Mapping the path to codifying – or not codifying – the UK constitution**

   Ordered, That the written evidence relating to *Mapping the path to codifying – or not codifying – the UK constitution* submitted by Sebastian Hordern be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

[Adjourned till 10 October at 9.45 a.m.]
Thursday 10 October 2013

Members present:

Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Paul Flynn
Fabian Hamilton
Sheila Gilmore
Mr Andrew Turner

1. House of Lords reform: what next?

Draft Report (House of Lords reform: what next?) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Ninth Report from the Committee, HC 251.

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Coalition Government programme of political and constitutional reform

Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP, Deputy Prime Minister, and Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, Minister of State for Cabinet Office (Cities and Constitution), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 17 October at 9.45 a.m.

Thursday 17 October 2013

Members present:

Paul Flynn
Sheila Gilmore
Fabian Hamilton
Mr Andrew Turner

In the absence of the Chair, Fabian Hamilton was called to the chair.

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.
2. Mapping the path to codifying – or not codifying – the UK constitution

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to Mapping the path to codifying – or not codifying – the UK constitution submitted by Perry Walker be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Parliament’s role in conflict decisions

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Parliament’s role in conflict decisions be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Professor Philippe Sands, Professor of Law, University College London
Professor Nigel White, Professor of Public international Law, University of Nottingham
Sebastian Payne, Lecturer in Constitutional and Administrative Law, University of Kent

Professor Philippe Sands, Professor of Law, University College London; Professor Nigel White, Professor of Public international Law, University of Nottingham and Sebastian Payne, Lecturer in Constitutional and Administrative Law, University of Kent, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 24 October at 9.45 a.m.]

Thursday 24 October 2013

Members present:
Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair
Paul Flynn
Fabian Hamilton
Mr Andrew Turner

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Parliament’s role in conflict decisions

Rt Hon Lord Wallace of Saltaire, a Member of the House of Lords, Government Whip for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and House of Lords spokesperson for the Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 31 October at 9.45 a.m.]
Thursday 31 October 2013

Members present:

Mr Graham Allen  Paul Flynn
Mr Christopher Chope  Fabian Hamilton

In the absence of the Chair, Mr Christopher Chope was called to the chair.

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Electoral Commission and the Cabinet Office on 7 November on readiness for Individual Electoral Registration.

2. The impact of Queen’s and Prince’s consent on the legislative process

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to The impact of Queen’s and Prince’s consent on the legislative process submitted by the Clerk of the Parliaments and the Clerk of the House be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Sir Robert Rogers KCB, Clerk of the House, David Beamish, Clerk of the Parliaments; and Richard Heaton, First Parliamentary Counsel, Cabinet Office gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 7 November at 9.45 a.m.]
Thursday 7 November 2013

Members present:

Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Christopher Chope, Tracey Crouch, Mark Durkan, Paul Flynn, Fabian Hamilton, Mr Andrew Turner

1. Declaration of interests

Mr Jeremy Browne, Tracey Crouch and Mark Durkan declared their interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. The Government’s lobbying Bill: Government Response to the Committee’s Seventh Report

Draft Special Report (The Government’s lobbying Bill: Government Response to the Committee’s Seventh Report of Session 2013–14), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Seventh Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report, be the Second Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

3. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. The constitutional role of the judiciary if there were a codified constitution

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to The constitutional role of the judiciary if there were a codified constitution be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Mark Ryan
Dr Mark Elliott
Roger Masterman and Jo Murkens
Student Law Think Tank
Professor Ian Cram
Dr Michael Gordon
Sophie Boyron

5. The impact of Queen’s and Prince’s consent on the legislative process
Ordered, That written evidence relating to The impact of Queen’s and Prince’s consent on the legislative process submitted by Professor Robert Blackburn be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

6. Readiness for Individual Electoral Registration

Jenny Watson, Chair, Peter Wardle, Chief Executive, and Phil Thompson, Research and Evaluation Manager, Electoral Commission; Ciaran Martin, Constitution Director and Senior Responsible Owner, Colin Dingwall, Programme Director, and Piers Harris, Digital Project Director, Electoral Registration Transformation Programme, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 21 November at 9.45 a.m.

Thursday 21 November 2013

Members present:

Mr Jeremy Browne  Mark Durkan
Tracey Crouch  Paul Flynn

In the absence of the Chair, Paul Flynn was called to the chair.

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Parliament’s role in conflict decisions

Ordered, That written evidence relating to Parliament’s role in conflict decisions submitted by Professor Gavin Phillipson be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. The constitutional role of the judiciary if there were a codified constitution

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Supreme Court.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to The constitutional role of the judiciary if there were a codified constitution be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Professor Andrew Le Sueur
Dr Andrew Blick
Dr Andrew Blick, Lecturer in Politics and Contemporary History, Kings College London, and Professor Andrew Le Sueur, Professor of Constitutional Justice, University of Essex, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 28 November at 9.45 a.m.]

Thursday 28 November 2013

Members present:

Mr Jeremy Browne Paul Flynn
Tracey Crouch Fabian Hamilton
Mark Durkan Mr Andrew Turner

In the absence of the Chair, Mr Andrew Turner was called to the chair.

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The constitutional role of the judiciary if there were a codified constitution

Ordered, That written evidence relating to Parliament’s role in conflict decisions submitted by Professor Anthony Bradley QC be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Professor Sir Jeffrey Jowell KCMG QC, Director, Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law, Professor Anthony Bradley QC, Research Fellow, Institute of European and Comparative Law, University of Oxford, Lord Lester of Herne Hill QC, a Member of the House of Lords, and Professor Robert Hazell, Professor of British Politics and Government, and Director of the Constitution Unit, University College London, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 5 December at 9.15 a.m.]
Thursday 5 December 2013

Members present:

Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Paul Flynn
Mr Andrew Turner

1. Government Response to the Committee’s Third Report: Revisiting Rebuilding the House: the impact of the Wright Reforms

Draft Special Report (Revisiting Rebuilding the House: the impact of the Wright Reforms: Government Response to the Third Report of Session 2013-14), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Third Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report, be the Third Special Report of the Committee to the House

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on the relationship between central and local government: international comparisons.

3. The constitutional role of the judiciary if there were a codified constitution

Ordered, That written evidence relating to The constitutional role of the judiciary if there were a codified constitution submitted by Stephen Hockman QC be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Stephen Hockman QC; and Nat Le Roux, Director, Constitution Society, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 12 December at 9.45 a.m.]
Thursday 12 December 2013

Members present:
Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Mr Jeremy Browne    Fabian Hamilton
Tracey Crouch       Robert Neill
Mark Durkan         Mr Andrew Turner
Paul Flynn

1. Declaration of interests

Robert Neill declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Fixed-term Parliaments: the final year of a Parliament

3. Parliament’s role in conflict decisions

Ordered, That written evidence relating to Parliament’s role in conflict decisions submitted by Dr Arman Sarvarian be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. The Coalition Government programme of political and constitutional reform

Ordered, That written evidence relating to The Coalition Government programme of political and constitutional reform, submitted by Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP, Deputy Prime Minister, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. The constitutional role of the judiciary if there were a codified constitution

Sophie Boyron, Senior Lecturer in Law, Birmingham Law School, Dr Michael Gordon, Lecturer in Law, Liverpool Law School; Professor Roger Masterman, Durham Law School, Durham University, Dr Jo Murkens, Department of Law, London School of Economics and Political Science, and Richard Gordon QC, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 19 December at 9.45 a.m.]
Thursday 19 December 2013

Members present:

Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Mr Christopher Chope
Tracey Crouch
Mark Durkan
Paul Flynn

Fabian Hamilton
Robert Neill
Mr Andrew Turner

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Revisiting Rebuilding the House: the impact of the Wright reforms

Resolved, That the Committee write to the Shadow Leader of the House in connection with its report on Revisiting Rebuilding the House: the impact of the Wright reforms.

3. The Government’s lobbying bill

Jenny Watson, Chair, Peter Horne, Director, Party and Election Finance, and Tony Stafford, Head of Policy (Party and Election Finance), Electoral Commission; Karl Wilding, Director, Public Policy, and Elizabeth Chamberlain, Policy Manager, National Council for Voluntary Organisations; and Georgette Mulheir, Commission on Civil Society and Democratic Engagement, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 9 January at 9.45 a.m.]
Thursday 9 January 2014

Members present:
Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Tracey Crouch
Mark Durkan
Paul Flynn
Fabian Hamilton

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The constitutional role of the judiciary if there were a codified constitution

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to The constitutional role of the judiciary if there were a codified constitution be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Professor John Bell
Dr Patrick O’Brien
Professor Dawn Oliver

Professor Dawn Oliver QC FBA, Professor of Constitutional Law, University College London, Dr Patrick O’Brien, University College London, Professor John Bell, Director, Centre for Public Law, University of Cambridge, and Dr Michèle Olivier, University of Hull, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 16 January at 9.45 a.m.]
Thursday 16 January 2014

Members present:

Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair
Mr Christopher Chope
Paul Flynn
Fabian Hamilton
Robert Neill
Mr Andrew Turner

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Voter engagement in the UK

2. Ensuring standards in the quality of legislation

Resolved, That the Committee write to Sir Alan Beith, in his capacity as Chair of the Liaison Committee.

3. The Government’s lobbying Bill

Ordered, That written evidence relating to The Government’s lobbying Bill submitted by the Electoral Commission be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Fixed-term Parliaments: the final year of a Parliament

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Fixed-term Parliaments: the final year of a Parliament be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Dr Petra Schleiter and Dr Sukriti Issar
Mark Ryan
Anne McIntosh MP, Chair of the EFRA Committee
Bernard Jenkin MP, Chair of the PASC Committee
Sir Alan Haselhurst MP, Chair of the Administration Committee

Caroline Slocock, Director, Civil Exchange, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 21 January at 6.30 p.m.]
Tuesday 21 January 2014

Members present:
Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Mr Jeremy Browne  Paul Flynn
Mr Christopher Chope  Fabian Hamilton
Tracey Crouch  Mr Andrew Turner
Mark Durkan

1. The Government’s lobbying Bill

Draft Report (The Government’s lobbying Bill: follow up) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Tenth Report from the Committee, HC 891.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to The Government’s lobbying bill: follow up be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

The Charity Commission
National Council for Voluntary Organisations

[Adjourned till 23 January at 9.45 a.m.

Thursday 23 January 2014

Members present:
Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Mr Christopher Chope  Fabian Hamilton
Mark Durkan  Robert Neill
Paul Flynn  Mr Andrew Turner

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Fixed-term Parliaments: the final year of a Parliament

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Fixed-term Parliaments: the final year of a Parliament be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Dr Andrew Blick
3. The constitutional role of the judiciary if there were a codified constitution

Ordered, That written evidence relating to The constitutional role of the judiciary if there were a codified constitution submitted by Professor Brice Dickson be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. The relationship between central and local government: international comparisons

Lars Andersson, Chairman, Mårten Andersson Productions, and Sören Häggroth, former Swedish State Secretary, Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of the Interior, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 30 January at 9.45 a.m.]

Thursday 30 January 2014

Members present:
Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Tracey Crouch  David Morris
Mark Durkan  Chris Ruane
Paul Flynn  Mr Andrew Turner
Fabian Hamilton

1. Declaration of interests

David Morris and Chris Ruane declared their interests in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The Government’s lobbying Bill

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Fixed-term Parliaments: the final year of a Parliament
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Fixed-term Parliaments: the final year of a Parliament* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Tim Yeo MP, Chair, Energy and Climate Change Committee  
Clive Betts MP, Chair, Communities and Local Government Committee

5. **Any other business**

Ordered, That the Chair write to Mr Charles Walker MP, in his capacity as Chair of the Procedure Committee, about the timetable for consideration of Lords amendments.

6. **The constitutional role of the judiciary if there were a codified constitution**

Ordered, That written evidence relating to *The constitutional role of the judiciary if there were a codified constitution*, submitted by Rt Hon Lord Neuberger of Abbotsbury, President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Rt Hon Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers, a Member of the House of Lords, and Rt Hon Lord Hope of Craighead, a Member of the House of Lords, retired Supreme Court Judges, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 6 February at 9.45 a.m.]

**Thursday 6 February 2014**

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1. **Revisiting the Cabinet Manual**

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into *Revisiting the Cabinet Manual*.

2. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Revisiting *Rebuilding the House*: the impact of the Wright Reforms**
Ordered, That written evidence relating to Revisiting Rebuilding the House: the impact of the Wright Reforms submitted by Angela Eagle MP, Shadow Leader of the House, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. The impact of Queen’s and Prince’s consent on the legislative process

Ordered, That written evidence relating to The impact of Queen’s and Prince’s consent on the legislative process submitted by Richard Heaton CB, Permanent Secretary and First Parliamentary Counsel, Cabinet Office, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. Fixed-term Parliaments: the final year of a Parliament

Ordered, That written evidence relating to Fixed-term Parliaments: the final year of a Parliament submitted by Professor David Heald be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Lord O’Donnell GCB, a Member of the House of Lords, former Cabinet Secretary, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 13 February at 9.45 a.m.

Thursday 13 February 2014

Members present:

Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Tracey Crouch
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Paul Flynn

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Mr Andrew Turner


Draft Special Report (House of Lords reform: what next?: Government Response to the Ninth Report of Session 2013-14), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Ninth Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report, be the Fourth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

2. Future programme
3. Fixed-term Parliaments: the final year of a Parliament

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Fixed-term Parliaments: the final year of a Parliament be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

David TC Davies MP, Chair, Welsh Affairs Committee  
The Fabian Society  
Andrew Miller MP, Chair, Science and Technology Committee  
Julian Kelly, Director, Public Spending, HM Treasury; and Professor David Heald, University of Aberdeen, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 27 February at 9.45 a.m.

Thursday 27 February 2014

Members present:

Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Tracey Crouch  
Mark Durkan  
Paul Flynn  
Fabian Hamilton  

David Morris  
Robert Neill  
Chris Ruane  
Mr Andrew Turner

1. The impact of Queen’s and Prince’s consent on the legislative process

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Voter engagement in the UK

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Voter engagement in the UK be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Mr Hugh Eveleigh  
Bradford Children in Care Council  
UK’s Changing Union: Our Future  
Gillian Pardesi  
Professor Jonathan Tonge and Dr Andrew Mycock  
Professor Matthew Flinders
Mr Les Cooper  
Professor Sarah Birch and Professor Paul Whitely  
Dr Cristina Leston-Bandeira  
The British Academy  
Dr Stephen Barber  
Harry Barnes  
Institute for Public Policy Research  
Wales Governance Centre  
The Electoral Reform Society  
Unlock Democracy  
Charles Pattie, Ron Johnston, David Cuts and Laura Palfreyman  
Democratic Audit UK

Glenn Gottfried, Quantitative Research Fellow, Institute for Public Policy Research, Sarah Birch, Professor of Comparative Politics, University of Glasgow; Professor Patrick Dunleavy, Co-Director, and Richard Berry, Managing Editor, Democratic Audit, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 6 March at 9.45 a.m.

Thursday 6 March 2014

Members present:

Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Mr Jeremy Browne  
Mr Christopher Chope  
Tracey Crouch  
Paul Flynn

Robert Neill  
Chris Ruane  
Mr Andrew Turner

1. The impact of Queen’s and Prince’s consent on the legislative process

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.
3. Voter engagement in the UK

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Voter engagement in the UK be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Andrew Jones
Professor Peter John
Dr. Kaat Smets
Myplace Project, University of Manchester
Professor R.A. Watt
Professor Andrew Russell
Dr Toby S. James
Dr Jenny Lloyd
Cybersalon.org
Dr Maria Sobolewska, and Professor Anthony Heath
Mark Ryan
Association of Electoral Administrators
Dr Elin Weston and Students
National Union of Students
Stephen D Fisher
Mrs Linda Belgrove
Birmingham ‘Success’ Group
Professor Ailsa Henderson
The Electoral Commission
Smartmatic Limited
Professor Martin J. Smith and Professor David Richards

4. Fixed-term Parliaments: the final year of a Parliament

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Fixed-term Parliaments: the final year of a Parliament be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Institute for Government
HM Government

Rt Hon Peter Riddell CBE PC, Director, and Akash Paun, Fellow, Institute for Government; Sir Jeremy Heywood KCB CVO, Cabinet Secretary, and Rt Hon Oliver Letwin MP, Minister for Government Policy, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 13 March at 9.45 a.m.]
Thursday 13 March 2014

Members present:

Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Mark Durkan       David Morris
Paul Flynn        Robert Neill
Fabian Hamilton   Chris Ruane

1. Future programme
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Fixed-term Parliaments: the final year of a Parliament

Ordered, That written evidence relating to Fixed-term Parliaments: the final year of a Parliament submitted by Rt Hon Margaret Hodge MP, Chair, Committee of Public Accounts, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Voter engagement in the UK

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Voter engagement in the UK be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Professor Pete Dorey
Hansard Society

Ruth Fox, Director, Hansard Society; Jessica Garland, Research Officer, and Will Brett, Head of Media, Electoral Reform Society, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 20 March at 9.45 a.m.]
Thursday 20 March 2014

Members present:

Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Mr Christopher Chope  David Morris
Tracey Crouch        Chris Ruane
Mark Durkan          Mr Andrew Turner
Paul Flynn

1. The impact of Queen’s and Prince’s consent on the legislative process

Draft Report (The impact of Queen’s and Prince’s consent on the legislative process) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Eleventh Report from the Committee, HC 784.

2. Parliament’s role in conflict decisions: a way forward

Draft Report (Parliament’s role in conflict decisions: a way forward) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Twelfth Report from the Committee, HC 892.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Voter engagement in the UK

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Voter engagement in the UK be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Mencap
International Foundation for Electoral Systems
Electoral Commission – further written evidence
38 Degrees

David Babs, Executive Director, 38 Degrees, and Toni Pearce, President, National Union of Students, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 27 March at 9.00 a.m.]
1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence on Individual Electoral Registration.

2. Voter engagement in the UK

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Voter engagement in the UK be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
Michael Yates

3. Role and powers of the Prime Minister

Ordered, That the Chair write to Sir Jeremy Heywood KCB CVO, Cabinet Secretary, for an update on the staffing and structure of the Prime Minister’s Office.

Dr Richard Heffernan, Reader in Government, Open University, and Lord Hennessy, a Member of the House of Lords, Attlee Professor of Contemporary British History, Queen Mary, University of London, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 3 April at 9.45 a.m.]
Thursday 3 April 2014

Members present:

Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Mr Christopher Chope
Tracey Crouch
Paul Flynn
Fabian Hamilton

David Morris
Chris Ruane
Mr Andrew Turner

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Voter engagement in the UK

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Voter engagement in the UK be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Vicky Moller
David H Smith
Andrew Pring
Nota UK
Dr K Purdam and R Southern
Rashid Nix
Philip Combes
Bite the Ballot

Michael Sani, Director and Oliver Sidorczuk, Policy Coordinator, Bite the Ballot; and Dr Toby S. James, University of East Anglia, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 10 April at 9.45 a.m.]
Thursday 10 April 2014

Members present:

Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Mr Jeremy Browne       Fabian Hamilton
Tracey Crouch           Chris Ruane
Mark Durkan             Mr Andrew Turner
Paul Flynn

1. Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report: The impact and effectiveness of ministerial reshuffles

Draft Special Report (The impact and effectiveness of ministerial reshuffles: Government Report to the Second Report of Session 2013-14), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government’s response to the Second Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report, be the Fifth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The role and powers of the Prime Minister

Ordered, That written evidence relating to The role and powers of the Prime Minister: follow up submitted by Hans Peter Ulrich, Civio Public Policy Consulting, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Voter engagement in the UK

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Voter engagement in the UK be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Ian Sheppard
John East
Gordon Sheppard
Thomas Grey
Malcolm Morrison
Tim Knight
Local Government Association
5. Individual Electoral Registration

Mark Sweeney, Constitution Director and Senior Responsible Owner for the Electoral Registration Transformation Programme, Colin Dingwall, Programme Director, Electoral Registration Transformation Programme, and Alex Thomas, Deputy Director, Elections and Parliament Division, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 1 May at 9.45 a.m.

Thursday 1 May 2014

Members present:

Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Mr Jeremy Browne        David Morris
Tracey Crouch            Chris Ruane
Mark Durkan              Mr Andrew Turner
Paul Flynn

1. Fixed-term Parliaments: the final year of a Parliament

Draft Report (Fixed-term Parliaments: the final year of a Parliament) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Thirteenth Report from the Committee, HC 976.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Any other business

Resolved, That the Chair do visit Bournemouth, in a representative capacity, on 8 July to participate in an IPPR round table event on decentralisation.

4. Voter engagement in the UK

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Voter engagement in the UK be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Paul Lee
John Dick
Morgan Dalton
Cynth Spanner
Richard Lung
Peter Webb
John Turner, Chief Executive, Association of Electoral Administrators: Rob Holland, Public Affairs and Parliamentary Lead, and Ismail Kaji, Parliamentary Affairs Assistant, Mencap, and Hugh Huddy, Campaigns Officer, RNIB, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 8 May at 9.45 a.m.]

Thursday 8 May 2014

Members present:
Mr Graham Allen, in the Chair

Mark Durkan  Robert Neill
Paul Flynn    Chris Ruane
Fabian Hamilton  Mr Andrew Turner

1. The constitutional role of the judiciary if there were a codified constitution

Draft Report (The constitutional role of the judiciary if there were a codified constitution) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Draft Report was agreed to: the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fourteenth Report from the Committee, HC 802.

2. Role and powers of the Prime Minister

Ordered, That written evidence relating to Role and powers of the Prime Minister submitted by the Cabinet Office be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Voter engagement in the UK
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Voter engagement in the UK be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

The Policy Exchange  
Andy Tye  
University of Sheffield Students’ Union

Dr Maria Sobolewska, University of Manchester, Professor Anthony Heath, Universities of Manchester and Oxford, and Simon Woolley, Director, Operation Black Vote, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till 5 June at 2.00 p.m.]
APPENDIX

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

*Declarations of Members’ interests: 14 July 2010*

ALLEN, Graham

2. **Remunerated employment, office, profession etc.**
   
   Received £630 for preparing and giving two lectures to American students in the UK. Address of payer: Loyola Marymount University, 1 LMU Drive, Los Angeles, California 90045-2659, USA. Hours: 32 hrs. *(Registered 24 November 2009)*

BOLES, Nick

2. **Remunerated employment, office, profession etc.**
   
   Institute for Government, 2 Carlton Gardens, London SW1Y 5AA
   Fellow, freelance consultant: £29-£25,000 p.a. expected
   Advice on research projects, events programme, development work with MPs, ministers, special advisers, 4 hours per week while Parliament is sitting
   2 days per week during Parliamentary recess
   News International Ltd, 1 Virginia Street, London E98 1XY
   Freelance journalist: Up to £5,000, occasional columns @ £500 per column

4. **Sponsorships**
   
   Name of donor: Peter Hall (details to follow)
   Address of donor: 33A Chalcot Square, Primrose Hill, London NWT 8YA
   Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000
   Mr Boles also declared a non-financial interest as a member of the advisory board of Centre Forum.

CHOPE, Christopher

2. **Remunerated employment, office, profession etc.**

   Received fee of £50 for participating in a television panel discussion for Press TV Ltd, Level 1, Westgate House, West Gate, Ealing, London, W5 1YY TBC. Hours: 3 hrs *(Registered 7 September 2009)*

5. **Gifts, benefits and hospitality (UK)**

   Name of donor: EUK Consulting
   Address of donor: 1-2 Emery Hill Street, London SW1P 1PF
   Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: hospitality for me and my wife at Conservative party function in Battersea Park, value £750
   Date of receipt of donation: 1 February 2010
   Date of acceptance of donation: 1 February 2010
   Donor status: unincorporated association
   *(Registered 3 February 2010)*

11. **Miscellaneous**

    I am a barrister, currently non-practising.

12. **Employment of family members**

    I employ my wife, Christine Chope, as my Secretary.

GILMORE, Sheila

2. **Remunerated employment office, profession etc.**
Participated in a survey for Ipsos MORI, 79-81 Borough road, London SE1 1FY. Fee of £75 paid to a charity of my choice. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 26 June 2010)

8. **Land and Property**
   One-bedroom flat in Edinburgh.

11. **Miscellaneous**
   Solicitor (non-practising).
   Mrs Gilmore also declared an expected financial interest in the form of a payment not yet made to her in respect of consultancy work for Craigforth undertaken prior to her election. The exact amount of the payment would be registered when it had been received.

HART, Simon

2. **Remunerated employment, office, profession etc**
   Name and address of remunerated employment: The Sundourne Estate Balfours, Windsor House, Windsor Place, Shrewsbury, SY1 2BY
   Amount: £650 p.a.
   Nature of work: signing documents and attending one meeting/year
   Following my resignation as CEO of the Countryside Alliance I have accepted a one-off severance payment which will be equivalent to 6 months salary and not more than £50k (final amount to be confirmed)
   Name and address of payer: Countryside Alliance, 367 Kennington Road, London, SE11 4PT

4. **Sponsorships**
   Name of donor: The Lord Daresbury
   Address of donor: Hall Lane Farm, Daresbury, Warrington, Cheshire
   Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000
   Donor status: individual
   Name of donor: Johan Christofferson
   Address of donor: 7 Earl's Terrace, London W8 6LP
   Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000
   Donor status: individual
   Name of donor: Anthony Buckingham
   Address of donor: 1 Grosvenor Studios, Grosvenor Mews, Eaton Terrace, London SW1 8HB
   Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000
   Donor status: individual
   Name of donor: Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire Patrons Club
   Address of donor: Town Moor, Moorfield Road, Narberth, Pembrokeshire
   Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,280.86
   Donor status: patrons club

12. **Employment of family members**
   I employ my wife, Abigail Kate Hart, as Office Manager

   Mr Hart also declared a non-financial interest as a non-executive board member of The Countryside Alliance.

HUNT, Tristram

2. **Remunerated employment, office, profession etc**
   Late contractual payment of £21,091.09 for history book 'Cities of Empire' following signature on 9 December 2009, prior to entering Parliament from Metropolitain Books, Henry Holt & Company, 175 Fifth Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10010, USA. Received on 20 May 2010.
   Fee from Watershed Media Centre for appearance at seminar on history and the media on 16 March 2010, prior to entering Parliament. £450.00, received on 20 May 2010.
   Salary as lecturer in history at Queen Mary, University of London, Mile End Road, London, E1 4NS. £1,947.00 for 12 hours work received on 24 May 2010.

4. **Sponsorships**
   (a) Donations to my constituency party or association, which have been or will be reported by my party to the Electoral Commission:
   Name of donor: Lord (Patrick) Carter
Address of donor: House of Lords, London, SW1
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500
Donor status: individual
Name of donor: UNITY
Address of donor: Hillcrest House, Garth Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 2AB
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000
Donor status: Trade union

MCKINNELL, Catherine

8. Land and Property
   Residential rented property, jointly owned with spouse in Corbridge, Northumberland.

SOULSBY, Sir Peter

8. Land and Property
   Holiday flat in Swanage, Dorset, jointly owned with my brothers’ families, for which rental income is received.

9. Shareholdings
   Name of company: Cassbar Ltd – Trading as ‘Entropy’
   Nature of Business: Trading as a bar/restaurant in Leicester
   Shareholding is both greater than 15 per cent of the issued share capital of the company and 15 per cent or less of the issued share capital but worth more, at the previous 5 April, than the current parliamentary salary (£66,000 at 1 April 2010)

12. Employment of family members
   I employ my wife, Lady (Alison) Soulsby, as Office Manager.
   I employ my daughter, Lauren Irwin, as Junior Secretary.
   I employ my daughter, Eleanor Cutkelvin, as Junior Secretary.

TURNER, Andrew

4. Sponsorships
   Donations to my constituency party or association, which have been or will be reported by my party to the Electoral Commission:
   Name of donor: Mr & Mrs B Field
   Address of donor: 25 Birmingham Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 7BH
   Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000
   Donor status: individual

8. Land & Property
   1 bedroom flat – half share, Cowes, Isle of Wight, rental income received

12. Employment of Family Members
   I employ my partner, Carole Dennett, as Parliamentary Assistant

WILLIAMS, Stephen

Nil.

Declaration of Member’s interests: 15 July 2010
LAING, Eleanor

4. Sponsorships
   Name of donor: Don Lewin
   Address of donor: Broad Oaks, Chigwell
   Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000. This donation will be reported to the Electoral Commission.
   Donor status: Individual
   Name of donor: Robin and Jean Llewellyn-Jones
   Address of donor: Thrifts Hall Farm, Abridge Road, Theydon Bois
   Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000. This donation will be reported to the Electoral Commission.
   Donor status: Individual

Declarations of Members’ interests: 11 November 2010

HAMILTON, Fabian

2. Remunerated employment, office, profession etc
   Honorary President of the International Association of Bookkeepers. Address: Suite 30, 40 Churchill Square, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4YU. (Until November 2010) Received £1,500 (one off payment) for approximately 6 hrs per month. (Registered on 3 August 2010)

GRIFFITHS, Andrew

4. Sponsorships
   (a) Donations to the constituency party or association, which have been or will be reported by the party to the Electoral Commission:

   Name of donor: Mr Richard Lascelles
   Address of donor: private
   Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000
   Donor status: individual
   (Registered 4 June 2010)

   Name of donor: Mr Peter J Hall
   Address of donor: private
   Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000
   Donor status: individual
   (Registered 4 June 2010)

   Name of donor: Business Fore
   Address of donor: 5 The Vale London SW3 6AG
   Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: two donations totaling £12,500
   Donor status: unincorporated association
   (Registered 4 June 2010)

   Name of donor: Mr C P Zabludowicz
   Address of donor: private
   Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500
   Donor status: individual
   (Registered 4 June 2010)

   Name of donor: United and Cecil Club
   Address of donor: 38 Belgrave Square London SW1X 8NT
   Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000
   Donor status: unincorporated association
   (Registered 4 June 2010)
Name of donor: JCB Research Ltd
Address of donor: lakeside Works Denstone Road Uttoxeter Staffordshire ST14 5JP
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £25,000
Donor status: company
(Registered 4 June 2010)

Name of donor: Mrs NM Oliver
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000
Donor status: individual
(Registered 4 June 2010)

Name of donor: Mr J H Lewis
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500
Donor status: individual
(Registered 4 June 2010)

5. Gifts, benefits and hospitality (UK)
   Name of donor: Britt Shaw
   Address of donor: private
   Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: tickets for my partner and me to attend the Conservative Party’s Summer Party. Payment for tickets, to value of £900, made directly to the Conservative Party.
   Date of receipt of donation: 5 July 2010
   Date of acceptance of donation: 5 July 2010
   Donor status: individual
   (Registered 22 July 2010)

   Name of donor: KPMG
   Address of donor: 1 Snowhill Snow Hill Queensway Birmingham B4 6GH
   Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Ticket and hospitality for myself and a member of my staff provided at the Test Match between England and Pakistan at Edgbaston: value £1128
   Date of receipt of donation: 6 August 2010
   Date of acceptance of donation: 6 August 2010
   Donor status: company 0C301540
   (Registered 2 September 2010)

8. Land and Property
   Half share of flat in London.

Declaration of Members’ interests: 12 January 2012

FLYNN, Paul

2. Remunerated employment, office, profession etc
   Payments from ComRes for taking part in surveys. Address: 4 Millbank, London SW1P 3JA.
   All monies given to charity.
   January 2011, £75. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 21 February 2011)
   Payment of £80 from YouGov, 50 Featherstone St, London EC1Y 8RT, January 2011, for completing research survey in January 2011. Hours: 1 hr. The payment was donated to charity. (Registered 4 February 2011)

Declaration of Members’ interests: 7 November 2013
BROWNE, Jeremy (Taunton Deane)

Nil.

CROUCH, Tracey (Chatham and Aylesford)

2. Remunerated employment, office, profession etc
   Payments for opinion surveys from ComRes, 4 Millbank, London, SW1P 3JA:
   £75 donated to charity in respect of October-November 2012 Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 11 December 2012)
   £75 donated to local Conservative Association in respect of November-December 2012 Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 9 January 2013)
   Payment of £100 from Populus Ltd, 10 Northburgh Street, London EC1V 0AT, for completing an opinion survey in March 2013. Hours: 40 minutes. Payment donated to a local organisation. (Registered 12 April 2013)

6. Overseas visits
   Name of donor: International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)
   Address of donor: 87–90 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7UD
   Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): flights, accommodation and other costs with a total value of £923.85
   Destination of visit: Iceland
   Date of visit: 28-30 August 2012
   Purpose of visit: To learn about IFAW’s campaign against commercial whaling in Iceland, and to speak to local politicians, media and other organisations about whaling. (Registered 17 October 2012)

DURKAN, Mark (Foyle)

2. Remunerated employment, office, profession etc
   Payments from ComRes, 4 Millbank, London, SW1P 3JA, for taking part in opinion surveys:
   Payment of £75 for survey in November 2012. Hours: 25 mins. Payment donated direct to charity. (Registered 7 December 2012)
   Payment of £75 for survey in December 2012. Hours: 25 mins. Payment donated direct to charity. (Registered 9 January 2013)
   March 2013, payment of £75 for survey in January 2013. Hours: 25 mins. Payment donated direct to charity. (Registered 22 March 2013)
   3 June 2013, payment of £75 for survey in April 2013. Hours: 25 mins. Payment donated direct to charity. (Registered 5 June 2013)
   10 September 2013, payment of £75 for survey in June 2013. Hours: 25 mins. Payment donated direct to charity. (Registered 11 September 2013)
   Payment from Ipsos MORI, 79-81 Borough Road, London SE1 1FY, for taking part in opinion survey:
   Payment of £150. Hours: 35 mins. Payment donated directly to charity. (Registered 29 October 2012)
   6 September 2013, payment of £200 for survey in August 2013. Hours: 45 mins. Payment donated to charity. (Registered 11 September 2013)

Declaration of Members’ interests: 12 December 2013

NEILL, Robert (Bromley and Chislehurst)

6. Overseas visits
   Name of donor: HM Government of Gibraltar
   Address of donor: 150 Strand, London, WC2R 1JA
   Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): flights, accommodation and meals for me and my wife; cost £1,116
   Destination of visit: Gibraltar
   Date of visit: 6-11 September 2013
Purpose of visit: to attend National Day Celebrations.  
(Registered 31 October 2013)

8. Land and Property
I own a residential flat in London from which rental income is received.

11. Miscellaneous
Barrister – not currently practising.

Declaration of Members’ interests: 30 January 2014

MORRIS, David (Morecambe and Lunesdale)

6. Overseas visits
Name of donor: HM Government of Gibraltar  
Address of donor: 150 Strand, London, WC2R 1JA  
Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): flights, accommodation and meals; cost £1,095  
Destination of visit: Gibraltar  
Date of visit: 9-10 September 2013  
Purpose of visit: to attend National Day Celebrations.  
(Registered 31 October 2013)

8. Land and Property
Shop premises in Greater Manchester from which rental income is received.

RUANE, Chris (Vale of Clwyd)

2. Remunerated employment, office, profession etc
Payments from ComRes, Four Millbank, London SW1P 3JA, for opinion surveys:  
October-November 2012, payment of £75, Hours: 15 mins. Payment donated to local organisation.  
(Registered 2 December 2013)  
November-December 2012, payment of £75. Hours: 15 mins. Payment donated to local organisation.  
(Registered 2 December 2013)  
January 2013, payment of £75. Hours: 15 mins. Payment donated to local organisation.  
(Registered 2 December 2013)  
February-March 2013, payment of £75. Hours: 15 mins. Payment donated to local organisation.  
(Registered 2 December 2013)  
April 2013, payment of £75. Hours: 15 mins. Payment donated to local organisation.  
(Registered 2 December 2013)  
June 2013, payment of £75. Hours: 15 mins. Payment donated to local organisation.  
(Registered 2 December 2013)  
Payment from Ipsos MORI UK Ltd, 79-81 Borough Road, London SE1 1FY:  
September 2013, payment of £200 for research interview. Hours: 1 hr. Payment donated to charity.  
(Registered 2 December 2013)

8. Land and Property
Flat in Portugal.
Flat in London, from which rental income is received.

12. Family members employed and remunerated through parliamentary allowances
I employ my wife, Gill Roberts, as part-time Office Manager.